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SUBJ : CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:
NEWTON, GEORGE ROBERT

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1. CONSULAR ACCESS: PER EMBASSY FILES, NEWTON ALLEGED ON AUGUST 23, 1974, THAT HE ASKED TO CALL EMBASSY AT TIME OF ARREST IN OAXACA ON AUGUST 8, BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO DO SO. EMBASSY LEARNED OF ARREST ON AUGUST 23 THROUGH FRIEND OF NEWTON'S. CONOFF CONTACTED NEWTON BY TELEPHONE SAME DAY. EMBASSY INCLUDED THIS INCIDENT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF PROTEST OF OCTOBER 21, 1974, REGARDING DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS AND ALLEGED ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST. FILES INDICATE NO REPLY FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT UP TO PRESENT TIME. EMBASSY IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN EARLY ACCESS TO ARRESTED AMERICANS.

2. ALLEGATION OF ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST: PER EMBASSY FILES, NEWTON ALLEGED ON AUGUST 23 THAT HE WAS HIT AND KICKED AT TIME OF ARREST, RESULTING IN BROKEN RIB, EMBASSY INCLUDED THIS ALLEGATION IN SAME DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF OCTOBER 21, 1974 PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.

3. ALLEGATION OF INNOCENCE: NEWTON TOLD CONOFF ON AUGUST 23 THAT HE HAD NO MARIJUANA, BUT THAT HE WAS IN COMPANY OF SOME PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE HAD SOME. EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS OF VERIFYING ALLEGATION.

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